

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the last five years North Carolina has been struck by 218 tornadoes, more than 4,500 severe thunderstorms, 15 tropical systems, and numerous blizzards, crippling ice storms and intense heat; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has had an usually high number of forest fires already this year, and much of the state is experiencing drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is vulnerable to all types of severe weather and is also at risk for earthquakes, contagious diseases, and terrorism; and

WHEREAS, North Carolinians must be ready year-round for natural and man-made disasters that might disrupt their normal daily activity; and

WHEREAS, people should be prepared in their homes, businesses and schools and have a plan for each location on what to do and where to go if a disaster occurs; and

WHEREAS, citizens should help the elderly and those who cannot help themselves; and

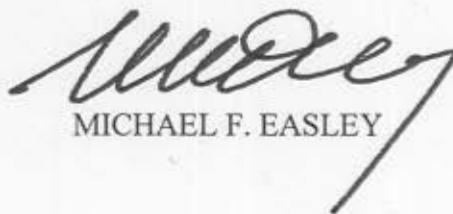
WHEREAS, citizens should include the safety of their pets or livestock in their emergency plans; and

WHEREAS, the state websites, ReadyNC.org and ListoNC.org, are available to help residents with their emergency preparedness plans; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, the North Carolina Emergency Management Association, Citizen Corps and the United States Department of Homeland Security have collaborated to recognize September as Emergency Preparedness Month to inform and educate North Carolinians about the importance of being prepared;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2008, as "**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH**" and call upon our citizens and interested groups to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote citizen preparedness and staying safe.




MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-ninth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.